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SUBJECT: CANDIDATES FOR POST IN UN HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR REFUGEES
REF: USUN 5121

1. DEPARTMENT WAS AWARE THAT GHANAIAI GOVERNMENT MIGHT PUT
FORWARD EMANUEL DADZIE AS A CANDIDATE FOR UNHCR AND THAT
EFFORTS WERE UNDERWAY TO RALLY SUPPORT FOR HIM IN GENEVA
AND ELSEWHERE. EMANUEL DADZIE IS KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT,
BOTH AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOG IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES,
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BUT MORE PARTICULARLY IN HIS CAPACITY AS DIRECTOR, LEGAL
DIVISION, UNHCR DURING THE PERIOD 1972-1976. FOR INFO OF
ADDRESSEES FOLLOWING IS QUOTE FROM GENEVA EXIDIS 10147:

QUOTE OF POTENTIALLY GREATER SERIOUSNESS IS THE RUMOR
CIRCULATING IN GENEVA THAT E.K. DADZIE, FORMERLY DIRECTOR
OF THE UNHCR PROTECTION DIVISION, HAS ENTERED HIS

CANDIDACY FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER WITH THE SUPPORT OF HIS GOVERNMENT (GHANA). IN VIEW OF DADZIE'S SINGULARLY LACKLUSTER PERFORMANCE HERE AS UNHCR PROTECTION CHIEF HE WOULD, IN THE MISSION'S VIEW AND THAT OF MANY OTHERS,

BE A DISASTROUS CHOICE FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER AND THAT OFFICE COULD BE EXPECTED TO DETERIORATE UNDER HIS DIRECTION. WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT THE RUMOR IS ILL-FOUNDED BUT, IF THAT IS NOT THE CASE, WE FEEL THAT WE WOULD MOVE SWIFTLY TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO A MORE SUITABLE CANDIDATE. UNQUOTE.

2. HARTLING, OF COURSE, REMAINS OUR CANDIDATE AND WE WISH TO RETAIN THE DEPUTY SLOT FOR THE U.S. APART FROM HIS OUTSTANDING PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE HCR POSITION, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT A SCANDINAVIAN NATIONAL (AND A U.S. DEPUTY) OFFERS THE BEST POTENTIAL IN THE AREA OF FUND RAISING. THE UNHCR PROGRAM FOR 1978 REQUIRES FUNDING OF APPROXIMATELY \$100 MILLION. IT WILL NOT BE AN EASY TASK FOR A NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER TO RAISE THROUGH VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS SUCH A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT. THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTING NATIONS NO DOUBT WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE USG, THE NORDIC COUNTRIES, THE NETHERLANDS, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE MAGNITUDE OF THE NEEDS, SPECIAL
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EFFORTS WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE MADE VIS-A-VIS THE OPEC COUNTRIES, JAPAN AND OTHERS. WE HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE A FULL APPRECIATION OF THIS ASPECT OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S RESPONSIBILITY AS MEMBER NATIONS APPROACH THE VOTE. IF THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF, USUN SHOULD EMPHASIZE THIS POINT TO THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL. VANCE

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